
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2859

State of Washington 60th Legislature 2008 Regular Session

**By House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by
Representatives Williams, Hinkle, Moeller, and Green)**

READ FIRST TIME 02/04/08.

1 AN ACT Relating to the regulation of massage therapy; amending RCW
2 18.108.025; adding a new section to chapter 18.108 RCW; and providing
3 an effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.108.025 and 1991 c 3 s 254 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 In addition to any other authority provided by law, the board may:

8 (1) Adopt rules in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW necessary to
9 implement this chapter, subject to the approval of the secretary;

10 (2) Define, evaluate, approve, and designate those schools,
11 programs, and apprenticeship programs including all current and
12 proposed curriculum, faculty, and health, sanitation, and facility
13 standards from which graduation will be accepted as proof of an
14 applicant's eligibility to take the licensing examination;

15 (3) Review approved schools and programs periodically;

16 (4) Prepare, grade, administer, and supervise the grading and
17 administration of, examinations for applicants for licensure; (~~and~~)

18 (5) Establish and administer requirements for continuing education,

1 which shall be a prerequisite to renewing a license under this chapter;
2 and

3 (6) Determine which states have educational and licensing
4 requirements equivalent to those of this state.

5 The board shall establish by rule the standards and procedures for
6 approving courses of study and may contract with individuals or
7 organizations having expertise in the profession or in education to
8 assist in evaluating courses of study. The standards and procedures
9 set shall apply equally to schools and training within the United
10 States of America and those in foreign jurisdictions.

11 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 18.108 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 (1) The secretary must grant a massage practitioner an inactive
14 credential if the massage practitioner submits a letter to the board
15 stating his or her intent to obtain an inactive credential, and he or
16 she:

17 (a) Holds an active Washington state massage practitioner's
18 license;

19 (b) Is in good standing, as determined by the board; and

20 (c) Does not practice massage in the state of Washington.

21 (2) The secretary may reinstate the massage practitioner's license
22 if the massage practitioner:

23 (a) Pays the current active renewal fee and other fees for active
24 licensure;

25 (b) Provides a written declaration that:

26 (i) No action has been taken by a state or federal jurisdiction or
27 a hospital which would prevent or restrict the practitioner's practice
28 of massage therapy;

29 (ii) He or she has not voluntarily given up any credential or
30 privilege or been restricted in the practice of massage therapy to
31 avoid other sanctions; and

32 (iii) He or she has satisfied continuing education and competency
33 requirements for the two most recent years; and

34 (c) Meets other requirements for reinstatement, as may be
35 determined by the board.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect July 1, 2009.

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